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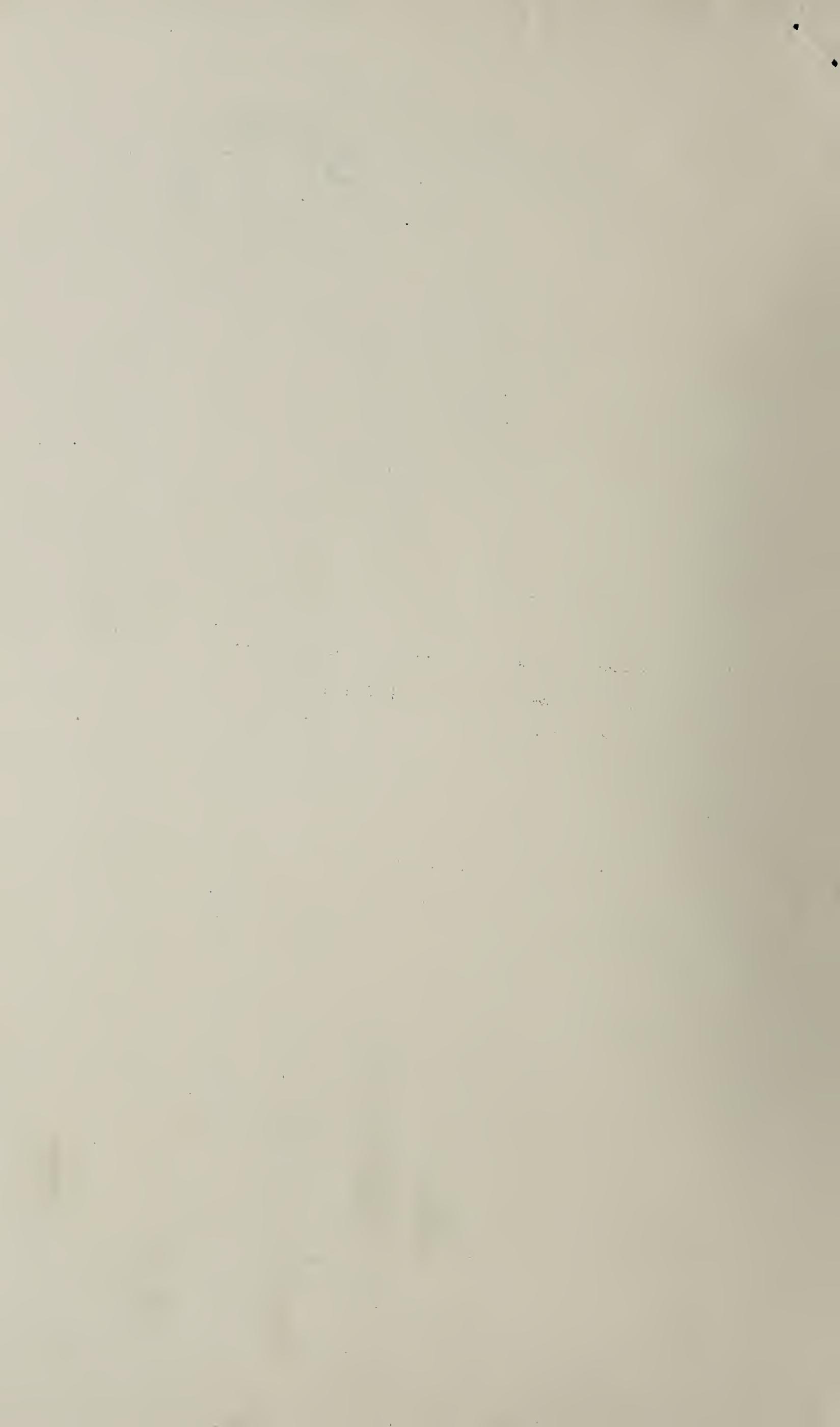
MARKET BOSWORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

FOR THE YEAR 1946.



MARKET BOSWORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

FOR THE YEAR 1946.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE THE PLEASURE TO PRESENT MY ANNUAL REPORT ON THE
HEALTH OF YOUR DISTRICT.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

AREA (IN ACRES).....	63,717.
POPULATION CENSUS, 1921.....	23,196.
" " 1931.....	23,544.
ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION 1931.....	23,780.
" " " 1946.....	24,110.
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES.....	6,566.
RATEABLE VALUE.....	£97,353.
SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE.....	£378.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

THE POPULATION IS PARTLY INDUSTRIAL AND PARTLY AGRARIAN,
THE MAIN INDUSTRIES BEING COAL MINING, GRANITE QUARRYING AND, TO A
SMALL EXTENT, HOSIERY MANUFACTURE. THESE ARE ALL SITUATED IN THE
NORTH OF THE DISTRICT.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS, LEGITIMATE.	M. 223. F. 188.	TOTAL 411.
BIRTHS, ILLEGITIMATE.	M. 18. F. 23.	TOTAL. 41.
	M. 241. F. 211.	TOTAL. 452.

STILLBIRTHS.	9 LEGITIMATE.	0 ILLEGITIMATE.	TOTAL.. 9.
BIRTH RATE.....			18.7
" " FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.....			19.1
DEATHS.	M. 133. F. 114.	TOTAL.....	247.
CRUDE DEATH RATE.....			10.2
DEATH RATE FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.....			11.5
DEATHS FROM Puerperal Sepsis.....			0
OTHER Puerperal Causes.....			0
DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE:-			
LEGITIMATE...10. ILLEGITIMATE 1.		TOTAL.....	11.
INFANT MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 BIRTHS.....			24.3
" " " FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.....			43.
DEATHS FROM CANCER (ALL AGES).....			36.

VITAL STATISTICS (CONT)

DEATHS FROM MEASLES (ALL AGES).....	0.
" " WHOOPING COUGH (ALL AGES).....	1.
" " DIARRHOEA (UNDER 2 YEARS).....	1.

CAUSES OF DEATH (CIVILIANS ONLY)

<u>CAUSES OF DEATH.</u>	<u>MALES.</u>	<u>FEMALES.</u>
ALL CAUSES.....	133.	114.
SCARLET FEVER.....	0.	0.
MEASLES.....	0.	0.
WHOOPING COUGH.....	0.	1.
DIPHTHERIA.....	0.	0.
INFLUENZA.....	3.	0.
ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA.....	0.	1.
CEREBRO SPINAL FEVER.....	0.	0.
RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS.....	5.	0.
OTHER TUBERCULOSIS.....	2.	0.
SYPHILIS.....	1.	0.
CANCER, MALIGNANT DISEASE.....	24.	12.
DIABETES.....	0.	0.
INTRA CRANIAL VASCULAR LESIONS.....	13.	17.
HEART DISEASE.....	32.	34.
OTHER CIRCULATORY DISEASES.....	8.	5.
BRONCHITIS.....	8.	5.
PNEUMONIA (ALL FORMS).....	5.	4.
OTHER RESPIRATORY DISEASES.....	5.	2.
ULCER OF STOMACH OR DUODENUM.....	2.	0.
DIARRHOEA ETC., (UNDER 2 YEARS).....	1.	0.
APPENDICITIS AND TYPHILITIS.....	0.	0.
OTHER DIGESTIVE DISEASES.....	0.	5.
ACUTE AND CHRONIC NEPHRITIS.....	4.	7.
CONGENITAL CAUSES.....	3.	3.
PUERPERAL SEPSIS.....	0.	0.
OTHER MATERNAL CAUSES.....	0.	0.
PREMATURE BIRTHS.....	1.	1.
SUICIDE.....	3.	1.
ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.....	1.	0.
OTHER DEATHS FROM VIOLENCE.....	2.	2.
ALL OTHER CAUSES.....	10.	14.

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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

HOSPITALS PROVIDED OR SUBSIDIZED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY OR COUNTY COUNCIL:-

A. 1. FEVER.

THE ISOLATION HOSPITALS ARE CONTROLLED BY THE LEICESTERSHIRE ISOLATION HOSPITALS COMMITTEE. PATIENTS ARE SENT TO SUCH HOSPITALS AS HAVE BEDS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISEASE FROM WHICH THEY ARE SUFFERING. THE PRINCIPAL HOSPITAL IS SITUATED IN THIS DISTRICT.

2. SMALL POX.

THERE ARE TWO HOSPITALS PROVIDED FOR THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE.

B. 1.)

2. (TUBERCULOSIS, MATERNITY AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS.

ACCOMMODATION IS CONTROLLED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE MATTER IS DEALT WITH COMPREHENSIVELY IN THE COUNTY REPORT.

THE COUNTY SANATORIUM IS SITUATED AT MARKFIELD IN THIS DISTRICT.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

(A) FOR INFECTIOUS CASES.

MOTOR AMBULANCES ARE PROVIDED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISOLATION HOSPITALS.

(B) FOR NON-INFECTIOUS CASES AND ACCIDENTS.

IN APRIL 1941, THE COUNCIL ACCEPTED THE GIFT OF THE "WOLLASTON" AMBULANCE FROM MRS. WOLLASTON OF SHENTON HALL. THE LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY AND OTHER VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS ALSO PROVIDE FACILITIES.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

ALL UNDER THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IS A PART TIME OFFICIAL BUT DOES NOT ENGAGE IN PRIVATE PRACTICE.

THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR, WHO IS ALSO SANITARY SURVEYOR, DEVOTES THE WHOLE OF HIS TIME TO HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES, AS ALSO DOES THE ADDITIONAL SANITARY INSPECTOR.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S HEALTH VISITORS VISIT CASES IN THIS DISTRICT. THERE ARE DISTRICT NURSES IN ALL THE LARGER PARISHES.

MIDWIVES.

THE SUPERVISION OF MIDWIVES IS VESTED IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

CHEMICAL WORK.

ANALYSES OF FOODS AND DRUGS ARE CONDUCTED BY THE COUNTY ANALYST.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

BYELAWS WITH RESPECT TO NEW BUILDINGS WERE ADOPTED FOR THE WHOLE DISTRICT IN 1925.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. WATER SUPPLY.

(A) THE PIPED WATER SUPPLIES FOR THE DISTRICT HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORY IN QUALITY AND QUANTITY. WELL SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN IN PART, UNSATISFACTORY IN QUALITY AND INSUFFICIENT IN QUANTITY IN PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.

SHORTAGES HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE DISTRICT AND WATER HAS BEEN CARTED.

(B) PIPED SUPPLIES - RESULTS OF SAMPLES TAKEN FOR ANALYSIS:-

RAW WATER.		TREATED WATER GOING INTO SUPPLY.			
BACTERIOLOGICAL.	CHEMICAL.	BACTERIOLOGICAL.	CHEMICAL.		
SATIS- FACTORY.	UNSATIS- FACTORY.	SATIS- FACTORY.	UNSATIS- FACTORY.	SATIS- FACTORY.	UNSATIS- FACTORY.
.....	N	I	L.....	.....

(C) WATERS LIABLE TO HAVE PLUMBO-SOLVENT ACTION:-

1. AREAS CONCERNED:-

)ASSURANCE GIVEN BY THE
)LEICESTER CITY WATER
)DEPT. THAT IN NO PART OF
)THEIR AREA OF SUPPLY IS
)PLUMBO-SOLVENT ACTION
)LIABLE TO TAKE PLACE.
)ALL WATER IS TREATED.
)OTHER AREAS - NOT
)AFFECTED.

2. FACTS AS TO CONTAMINATION BY LEAD:-

3. PRECAUTIONS TAKEN:-

4. No. OF SAMPLES TAKEN FOR THIS PURPOSE:- NIL.

5. RESULTS OF ANALYSES OF THE ABOVE SAMPLES:- NIL.

(D) ACTION TAKEN IN RESPECT OF ANY FORM OF CONTAMINATION OF WATER SUPPLIES IN THE DISTRICT:- NIL.

(E) WATER SUPPLIES FROM PUBLIC MAINS:- LARGER PARISHES ONLY.

DIRECT TO THE HOUSES.		BY MEANS OF STANDPIPES.	
NO. OF DWELLING HOUSES.	POPUL- ATION.	NO. OF DWELLING. HOUSES.	POPUL- ATION.
3,170.	11,600.	176.	685.

No. OF PARISHES WITH PIPED WATER SUPPLY:-

(A) FROM PUBLIC MAINS:- 9. (B) FROM PRIVATE RESERVOIRS:- NIL.

No. OF PARISHES WITHOUT A PIPED SUPPLY OF WATER:- 11.

PARTICULARS OF EXTENSION OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES:-

WATER MAINS TO HOUSING SITES AT DESFORD AND RATBY.

NO. OF CASES IN WHICH PIPED SUPPLY WAS SUBSTITUTED FOR WELL WATER:- 21.

WATER SUPPLIES FROM WELLS:-

NO. OF SAMPLES TAKEN FOR ANALYSIS:- 25			
SATISFACTORY.		UNSATISFACTORY.	
CHEMICAL.	BACTERIOLOGICAL.	CHEMICAL.	BACTERIOLOGICAL.
1.	NIL.	24.	NIL.

No. of Wells closed:- NIL. No. of Wells cleansed etc.,:- 10.

POSTWAR PROPOSALS.

PRIORITY GROUPS, PARISHES OR VILLAGES CONCERNED, WITH ESTIMATED COST (1946 PRICES):-

THE SCHEMES LISTED IN LAST YEAR'S REPORT HAVE NOW BEEN APPROVED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND IT IS HOPED TO COMMENCE DURING 1947.

2. SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

No. of CESSPOOLS CONSTRUCTED DURING THE YEAR..... 10.

No. of CESSPOOLS ABOLISHED DURING THE YEAR..... NIL.

TOTAL No. IN DISTRICT ON 31ST. DECEMBER 1946..... 305.

EXTENSIONS OF SEWERS, NEW WORKS AND IMPROVEMENTS DURING YEAR:-

NEW SEWERS TO HOUSING SITES AT DESFORD AND RATBY.

POSTWAR PROPOSALS. PRIORITY GROUPS, VILLAGES CONCERNED, ESTIMATED COST (1946 PRICES) ETC. :-

NO CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR'S REPORT, BUT TWO SCHEMES HAVE NOW BEEN APPROVED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND ARE AWAITING INQUIRY.

3. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

TOTAL No. IN DISTRICT ON 31ST. DECEMBER 1946:-

(1) PRIVIES:- 3. (2) PAIL CLOSETS:- 3,191. (3) W.C.'S:- 3,007.

No. of CLOSETS CONVERTED TO THE WATER CARRIAGE SYSTEM DURING YEAR:-

(A) PRIVIES:- NIL. (B) PAILS:- 47.

No. of PRIVIES (MIDDENS) CONVERTED TO PAIL CLOSETS DURING YEAR:- 0.

4. PUBLIC CLEANSING.

A CENTRALISED SCAVENGING SCHEME DEALS WITH THE QUESTION OF THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSE REFUSE, CLEANSING OF EARTH CLOSETS, PRIVIES, ASHPITS AND CESSPOOLS ETC., THE COUNCIL HAVE NOW PURCHASED A NEW CESSPOOL EMPTYING MACHINE COMPLETE WITH NIGHTSOIL ATTACHMENT WHICH IS PROVING VERY SATISFACTORY.

5. SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

TOTAL No. OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED..... 107.

TOTAL No. OF DEFECTS OR NUISANCES DISCOVERED..... 92.

INSPECTIONS MADE.

	FIRST INSPECTIONS.	RE-VISITS.
ANIMAL KEEPING.	-	-
BAKEHOUSES.	6.	1.
DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.	287.	57.
DRAINAGE WORKS.	58.	32.
DWELLING HOUSES (ALL PURPOSES INCLUDING HOUSING SURVEY.)	1,375.	216.
FOOD PREMISES.	9.	6.
OFFENSIVE TRADES.	3.	-
RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION.	119.	71.
REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL.	128.	13.
SCHOOLS.	2.	-
SHOPS.	25.	-
SLAUGHTER HOUSES & MEAT INSPECTION.	21.	5.
TENTS, VANS, SHEDS ETC.,	27.	8.
VERMINOUS PREMISES & SCABIES.	5.	1.
WATER SUPPLIES.	106.	32.
WORKSHOPS ETC.,	8.	2.
OTHER INSPECTIONS.	93.	29.
TOTAL.	2,272.	473.

NOTICES.

PRELIMINARY.	HOUSING.	PUBLIC HEALTH.
OUTSTANDING ON 1ST. JANUARY.	-	16.
ISSUED DURING YEAR.	-	156.
COMPLIED WITH DURING YEAR.	-	148.
STATUTORY ACTION NECESSARY.	-	46.
OUTSTANDING 31ST. DECEMBER.	-	24.

STATUTORY.	HOUSING.	PUBLIC HEALTH.
OUTSTANDING ON 1ST. JANUARY.	-	6.
ISSUED DURING YEAR.	-	46.
COMPLIED WITH DURING YEAR.	-	36.
OUTSTANDING 31ST. DECEMBER.	-	16.

SUMMARY ACTION.

No. OF SUMMONSES ISSUED.	No. OF CONVICTIONS OBTAINED.
NIL.	NIL.

6. SHOPS.

PARTICULARS OF ACTION TAKEN DURING THE YEAR UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE SHOPS ACT, 1934:-

	OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR.	DEFECTS FOUND.	DEFECTS REMEDIED.	OUTSTANDING 31ST. DEC.
SANITARY CONVENiences.				
TEMPERATURE.			NIL	
VENTILATION.				

7. CAMPING SITES.

No. OF SITES IN AREA USED FOR CAMPING PURPOSES DURING YEAR:- NIL.

No. OF CAMPING SITES FOR WHICH LICENCES HAVE BEEN ISSUED:- NIL.

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CAMPERS RESIDENT IN AREA DURING SUMMER SEASON:-

8. REGULATED BUILDINGS.

REGULATED BUILDINGS.	No. IN DISTRICT.	No. OF INSPECTIONS.	ACTION TAKEN.	GENERAL CONDITIONS.
COMMON LODGING HOUSES.	NIL.	NIL.	-	-
TENTS, VANS, SHEDS ETC.,	34.	35.	2.	FAIR.
CANAL BOATS.	NIL.	NIL.	-	-
OFFENSIVE TRADES.	1.	3.	NIL.	FAIR.

9. ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

NO ACTION FOUND NECESSARY DURING THE YEAR.

NO. OF COUNCIL HOUSES INFESTED:- NIL.

NO. OF OTHER DWELLING HOUSES FOUND INFESTED:- NIL.

NO. OF HOUSES DISINFESTED:- -

METHODS EMPLOYED FOR ENSURING THE TENANTS' BELONGINGS ARE FREE FROM VERMIN BEFORE REMOVAL TO COUNCIL HOUSES:-

HOUSING MANAGER EXAMINES GOODS AND CHATTELS BEFORE TENANT TAKES POSSESSION.

MEASURES TAKEN FOR THE SUPERVISION OR EDUCATION OF TENANTS TO PREVENT INFESTATION OR RE-INFESTATION:-

PERIODIC INSPECTIONS.

10. SCHOOLS.

NO. OF SCHOOLS DISINFECTED..... 1.

PARTICULARS OF ANY OTHER ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH SCHOOLS..... NIL.

11. SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

NO. IN AREA:-

(A) PUBLICLY OWNED:- NIL. (B) PRIVATELY OWNED:- 2.

NO. OF INSPECTIONS:- 1.

12. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY:-

COWKEEPERS.

No. ON REGISTER.	No. OF INSPECTIONS.	No. OF CONTRAVENTIONS.			
		OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR.	FOUND DURING YEAR.	REMEDIED DURING YEAR.	OUTSTANDING ON 31ST. DEC.
373.	303.	2.	46.	43.	5.

DAIRYMEN OR PURVEYORS OF MILK (OTHER THAN COWKEEPERS.)

No. ON REGISTER.	No. OF INSPECTIONS.	No. OF CONTRAVENTIONS.			
		OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR.	FOUND DURING YEAR.	REMEDIED DURING YEAR.	OUTSTANDING ON 31ST. DEC.
143.	41.	-	5.	4.	1.

TOTAL CONTRAVENTIONS.

	OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS YEAR.	FOUND DURING YEAR.	REMEDIED DURING YEAR.	OUTSTANDING ON 31ST. DECEMBER.
CLEANSING.	-	21.	21.	-
STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS.	1.	9.	10.	-
UTENSILS.	1.	27.	26.	2.
OTHER.	-	-	-	-

MILK SAMPLING.

CLASS.	TOTAL NO. OF SAMPLES TAKEN FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.	SATISFACTORY.	UN-SATISFACTORY.
DESIGNATED "TUBERCULIN TESTED") "ACCREDITED") "PASTEURISED")	LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.		
ORDINARY.	(28 NIL. SEDIMENT TESTS) -		-
STERILISED.	NIL.	-	-
HEAT TREATED.	NIL.	-	-

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS 1936 TO 1946.

No. OF LICENCES ISSUED IN RESPECT OF:-									
"TUBERCULIN TESTED".			"ACCREDITED"			"PASTEURISED"			
BOTTLING.	DISTRIBUTION.		BOTTLING.	DISTRIBUTION.		PASTEURISING PLANTS.	RETAIL DISTRIBUTION.		
	DEALERS.	SUPPLEMENTARY.		DEALERS.	SUPPLEMENTARY.		DEALERS.	SUPPLEMENTARY.	
-	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.

LICENSED PASTEURISING PLANTS.

MAKE & TYPE. (HOLDER OR H.T.S.T.)	CAPACITY. GALLS PER HOUR.	TEMPERATURE CONTROL.
NIL.	NIL.	HAND) AUTOMATIC) NIL.

No. OF PLANTS FOR HEATING MILK NOT LICENSED AS PASTEURISING PLANTS:-
NIL.

No. OF AUTHORITIES ISSUED BY MINISTRY OF FOOD UNDER REGULATION 55G:-

(1) "HEAT-TREATMENT":- NIL. (2) "STERILISATION":- NIL.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

No. OF REGIONAL SLAUGHTER HOUSES IN AREA.....	.....	NIL.
No. OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED IN DO. ....	.....	NIL.
No. OF ANIMALS EXAMINED IN DO. ....	.....	NIL.
No. OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED ELSEWHERE. ....	.....	2,376.
No. OF ANIMALS EXAMINED ELSEWHERE. ....	.....	29.
No. OF INSPECTIONS OF MEAT AT TIME OF SLAUGHTER.....	.....	6.
No. OF KNACKERS' YARDS IN AREA.....	.....	NIL.
No. OF VISITS TO KNACKERS' YARDS.....	.....	NIL.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	CATTLE EXCLUD- ING Cows.	CALVES	SHEEP & LAMBS	PIGS.	TOTAL WEIGHT IN LBS.
NUMBER KILLED (IF KNOWN)	-	-	-	2,376.	NOT KNOWN.
NUMBER INSPECTED.	-	-	-	29.	DO.
ALL DISEASES (EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS.)	-	-	-	-	-
WHOLE CARCASSES CONDEMNED.	-	-	-	-	-
CARCASSES OF WHICH SOME PART OR ORGAN WAS CONDEMNED.	-	-	-	-	-
PERCENTAGE OF NUMBER INSPECTED AFFECTED WITH DISEASE OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS.	-	-	-	-	-
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY.	-	-	-	-	-
WHOLE CARCASSES CONDEMNED.	-	-	-	-	-
CARCASSES OF WHICH SOME PART OR ORGAN WAS CONDEMNED.	-	-	-	-	-
PERCENTAGE OF THE NUMBER INSPECTED AFFECTED WITH TUBERCULOSIS.	-	-	-	-	-

MEAT STALLS.

NO. OF INSPECTIONS..... NIL.

MEAT SHOPS, MEAT STORES ETC.,

NO. OF INSPECTIONS..... 2.

PLACES WHERE FOOD, OTHER THAN MEAT, IS KEPT OR PREPARED FOR SALE.

NO. OF INSPECTIONS..... 7.

ACTION TAKEN:-

INSPECTION OF 'OTHER FOODS' RESULTED IN THE CONDEMNATION OF VARIOUS FOODS SUCH AS TINNED MEAT, SOUP, FISH ETC.,

13. HOUSING.

A. NEW HOUSES.

(A) TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICANTS FOR COUNCIL HOUSES AT END OF YEAR..... 1,100. (APPROX)

(B) PROGRAMME OF NEW HOUSES PROPOSED TO BE ERECTED BY LOCAL AUTHORITY:-

SUBJECT TO LABOUR, MATERIALS, MINISTRY OF HEALTH ALLOCATION AND WATER AND SEWAGE MADE AVAILABLE:-

FIRST YEAR...100. SECOND YEAR...211. THIRD YEAR.. -

FOURTH YEAR.. - FIFTH YEAR.. -

OBSERVATIONS.

NO DEFINITE DECISION TAKEN BY COUNCIL REGARDING 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH. YEARS. PROGRAMME TO BE DECIDED LATER ACCORDING TO CIRCUMSTANCES OUTLINED.

(c)	HOUSES ERECTED DURING YEAR. BY:-	TYPE.			AVERAGE COST PER HOUSE.	AV. RENT INC. OR EXCLUSIVE OF RATES.
		PREFABRICATED.	PERMANENT.	TEMPORARY.		
	1. LOCAL AUTHORITY.	50.	8.	32.	£970.	10/- P.W.
	2. PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.	-	-	19.	£1100.	APPROX. £39. PER ANNUM.
(d)	HOUSES IN COURSE OF ERECTION AT END OF YEAR BY:-					
	1. LOCAL AUTHORITY.	46.	-	50.	£1000.	APPROX. 10/- P.W.
	2. PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.	-	-	51.	£1100.	APPROX £39. PER ANNUM.

B. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

(1) (a) TOTAL NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES INSPECTED FOR
HOUSING DEFECTS (UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH OR
HOUSING ACTS)..... 153.

(b) NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS MADE FOR THE PURPOSE..... 326.

(2) (a) NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES (INCLUDED UNDER
SUB-HEAD (1) ABOVE, WHICH WERE INSPECTED AND
RECORDED UNDER THE HOUSING CONSOLIDATED
REGULATIONS 1925 AND 1932)..... NIL.

(b) NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS MADE FOR THE PURPOSE..... NIL.

(3) NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES FOUND TO BE IN A STATE SO
DANGEROUS OR INJURIOUS TO HEALTH AS TO BE UNFIT FOR
HUMAN HABITATION..... NIL.

(4) NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES (EXCLUSIVE OF THOSE REFERRED
TO UNDER THE PRECEDING SUB-HEAD) FOUND NOT TO BE IN ALL
RESPECTS REASONABLY FIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION..... 28.

C. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE.

NUMBER OF DEFECTIVE DWELLING HOUSES RENDERED FIT IN
CONSEQUENCE OF INFORMAL ACTION BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY
OR THEIR OFFICERS..... 25.

D. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

(a) PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 9, 10 & 16 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1936.

(1) NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES IN RESPECT OF WHICH
NOTICES WERE SERVED REQUIRING REPAIRS..... NIL.

(2) NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES WHICH WERE RENDERED FIT AFTER
SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:-

(a) BY OWNERS..... NIL.

(b) BY LOCAL AUTHORITY IN
DEFAULT OF OWNERS..... NIL.

(B) PROCEEDINGS UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS:-

(1) NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES IN RESPECT OF WHICH NOTICES WERE SERVED REQUIRING DEFECTS TO BE REMEDIED.... 46.

(2) NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED AFTER SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:-

(A) BY OWNERS..... 36.

(B) BY LOCAL AUTHORITY IN DEFAULT OF OWNERS..... NIL.

(C) PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 11 AND 13 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1936.

(1) No. OF DWELLING HOUSES IN RESPECT OF WHICH DEMOLITION ORDERS WERE MADE..... NIL.

(2) No. OF DWELLING HOUSES DEMOLISHED IN PURSUANCE OF DEMOLITION ORDERS..... NIL.

(D) PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1936:-

(1) No. OF SEPARATE TENEMENTS OR UNDERGROUND ROOMS IN RESPECT OF WHICH CLOSING ORDERS WERE MADE..... NIL.

(2) No. OF SEPARATE TENEMENTS OR UNDERGROUND ROOMS IN RESPECT OF WHICH CLOSING ORDERS WERE DETERMINED, THE TENEMENT OR ROOM HAVING BEEN RENDERED FIT..... NIL.

E. HOUSING ACT. 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

(A) 1. No. OF DWELLINGS OVERCROWDED AT END OF YEAR..... NOT KNOWN.

2. No. OF FAMILIES DWELLING THEREIN..... -

3. NUMBER OF PERSONS DWELLING THEREIN..... -

(B) NUMBER OF NEW CASES OF OVERCROWDING REPORTED DURING YEAR. -

(C) 1. No. OF CASES OF OVERCROWDING RELIEVED DURING YEAR.. 36.

2. No. OF PERSONS CONCERNED IN SUCH CASES..... 110.

(D) PARTICULARS OF ANY CASES IN WHICH DWELLING HOUSES HAVE AGAIN BECOME OVERCROWDED AFTER THE LOCAL AUTHORITY HAVE TAKEN STEPS FOR THE ABATEMENT OF OVERCROWDING..... -

(E) OTHER PARTICULARS WITH RESPECT TO OVERCROWDING CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE SANITARY INSPECTOR MAY CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE TO REPORT.

THE POSITION WILL BE MUCH IMPROVED AS AND WHEN MORE NEW HOUSES ARE COMPLETED.

(F) SPECIAL COMMENTS ON HOUSING CONDITIONS IN THE DISTRICT INCLUDING PARTICULARS OF THE PROGRESS OF ANY SURVEY BEING CARRIED OUT.

WITH RESPECT TO THE HOUSING CONDITIONS, THE COUNCIL ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE URGENT NECESSITY FOR THE PROVISION OF NEW HOUSES AND ARE SPARING NO EFFORT TO GET SCHEMES MOVING. THE RECONDITIONING OF HOUSES IS ALSO RECEIVING ATTENTION BUT IT IS REGRETTED THAT THE GRANT RELATING TO THE RECONDITIONING OF RURAL COTTAGES HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN, BECAUSE MANY PROPERTIES COULD BE RECONDITIONED AND BROUGHT TO A DECENT STANDARD WITH THE AID OF A GRANT.

THE RURAL HOUSING SURVEY IS ALMOST COMPLETE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A FEW MEASUREMENTS AND CHECKING UP OWING TO THE RAPID CHANGE IN CONDITIONS.

14. ANY OTHER SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

THE GREAT NUMBER OF PAIL CLOSETS NOW BEING EMPTIED WEEKLY REQUIRES GREAT EFFORT TO GIVE COMPLETE SERVICE. A SURVEY HAS BEEN MADE, AND IT IS DISCOVERED THAT 971 PAIL CLOSETS COULD BE

CONVERTED TO THE WATER CARRIAGE SYSTEM IN THOSE AREAS WHERE SERVICES ARE ALREADY AVAILABLE AND THAT 1,016 PAIL CLOSETS COULD ALSO BE CONVERTED IN THOSE AREAS LISTED EARLIER IN THE REPORT, WHICH ARE TO BE PROVIDED WITH WATER AND SEWERAGE. THE NUMBER OF PAIL CLOSETS WOULD, THEREFORE, BE CONSIDERABLY REDUCED, EASING BOTH THE LABOUR AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.

A SEPARATE REPORT ON THIS MATTER, IS BEING MADE TO THE COUNCIL WITH A VIEW TO SECURING CONVERSIONS AND IT IS HOPED THAT ACTION WILL SOON FOLLOW.

15. STAFF.

NO. OF STAFF. (A) QUALIFIED.....	3.
(B) UNQUALIFIED.....	-
(C) CLERICAL.....	1.

INCREASE OR DECREASE OF STAFF DURING YEAR:-

ONE ASSISTANT LEFT.
ONE QUALIFIED STAFF EXTRA.

NO. OF STAFF SERVING WITH H.M. FORCES:-

(1) QUALIFIED.....	-
(2) UNQUALIFIED.....	1.
(3) CLERICAL.....	-

16. FACTORIES.

THERE ARE TEN FACTORIES IN THE AREA, 26 INSPECTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE, IN ONE CASE DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DURING THE YEAR 1946, 214 CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE WERE NOTIFIED AS COMPARED WITH 590 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THIS DECREASE IN NOTIFICATIONS WAS LARGELY DUE TO FEWER CASES OF MEASLES. IN 1945 THERE WERE 455 CASES OF MEASLES AS COMPARED WITH 56 CASES IN 1946.

SCARLET FEVER HAS ALSO BEEN SOMEWHAT LESS PREVALENT THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND THERE WERE ONLY FIVE CASES OF DIPHTHERIA. ONE OF THESE PATIENTS, AN ADULT, HAD BEEN TREATED WITH PROTECTIVE SERUM WHEN AT SCHOOL WITH A SMALLER DOSE THAN IS USED AT THE PRESENT TIME. THERE WERE NO DEATHS FROM DIPHTHERIA.

UNDER OUR IMMUNISATION SCHEME EVERY REMOTE HAMLET AND VILLAGE HAS BEEN VISITED DURING THE YEAR AND FACILITIES OFFERED TO THE RESIDENTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PROTECTIVE TREATMENT. THE WOLLASTON AMBULANCE AS A MOBILE UNIT AGAIN PROVED TO BE VERY HELPFUL. DURING THE YEAR 354 CHILDREN RECEIVED TREATMENT, 318 UNDER FIVE YEARS AND 36 BETWEEN 5 AND 15 YEARS. IN ADDITION 236 CHILDREN RECEIVED A THIRD INJECTION ON REACHING THE AGE OF 5.

THE FOLLOWING CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE CAME UNDER OBSERVATION DURING THE YEAR:-

DISEASE.	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED.	CASES ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.	TOTAL DEATHS.
DIPHTHERIA.	5.	5.	0.
SCARLET FEVER.	54.	51.	0.
PNEUMONIA.	22.	3.	9.
ERYSIPelas.	4.	0.	0.
PUERPERAL PYREXIA.	9.	2.	0.
CEREBRO SPINAL MENINGITIS.	3.	3.	0
MEASLES.	56.	1.	0.
WHOOPING COUGH.	58.	0.	1.
DYSENTERY.	2.	2.	1.
OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.	1.	0.	0.
ENTERIC FEVER.	0.	0.	0.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS
WERE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR:-

AGE PERIODS.	NEW CASES.						DEATHS.	
	RESP- IRATORY.		NON-RESP- IRATORY.		RESP- IRATORY.		NON-RESP- IRATORY.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1 AND UNDER 5 YEARS.	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
5 AND UNDER 15 YEARS.	2.	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
15 AND UNDER 45 YEARS.	2	5	2	4	4.	-	-	-
45 AND UNDER 65 YEARS.	4	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
TOTALS.	8.	5.	6.	5.	5.	5.	2.	-

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF
TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS 1925, NOR WAS ANY ACTION NECESSARY UNDER
SECT. 62 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1925.

LABORATORY WORK.

THE FOLLOWING SPECIMENS WERE EXAMINED BY THE COUNTY
BACTERIOLOGIST:-

MILK EXAMINATIONS (BACTERIOLOGICAL).....	595.
SPUTA FOR T.B.	61.
SWABS FOR DIPHTHERIA.....	69.
SEWAGE AND WATER ANALYSES.....	34.
MILK FOR PHOSPHATASE TEST.....	22.
URINE (GENERAL & BACTERIOLOGICAL).....	9.
URINE FOR T.B.	1.
BLOOD FOR WASSERMAN TEST.....	14.
BLOOD COUNTS.....	4.
MISCELLANEOUS.....	34.
TOTAL.	843.

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO BE

YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT,

ALLAN WARNER. M.D., D.P.H.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

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AUGUST 1947.

